



DONNER CANADIAN FOUNDATION AWARDS
for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services

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Calgary Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society recognized today at Canada's largest non-profit awards

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TORONTO, ON, 23 NOVEMBER 2005—The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada—Calgary Chapter was the joint recipient of the \$20,000 **William H. Donner Award for Excellence** presented today at the annual Donner Canadian Foundation Awards for Excellence in the Delivery of Social Services (Donner Awards). A total of \$70,000 in awards was presented in Toronto at an event attended by The Honourable James K. Bartleman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society shared the Award for Excellence with Community Living Campbellford/Brighton of Campbellford, Ontario. The Society also shared the \$5,000 Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Excellence in Services for People with Disabilities with Community Living Campbellford/Brighton.

In addition, the Society was presented with the \$5,000 **Peter F. Drucker Award for Non-Profit Management**, awarded to a non-profit organization with a consistent record of excellence and innovation in management and service delivery.

The **Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada - Calgary Chapter** was recognized for their Client Services program. MS Society staff and volunteers are intensely focused on making the organization a leader in finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and enabling those affected by MS to enhance their quality of life.

Administered by The Fraser Institute on behalf of the Donner Canadian Foundation, the Donner Awards were established in 1998 to recognize and encourage best practices in non-profit management and to increase public confidence and support for Canada's non-profit sector.

Ten organizations shared \$45,000 in category awards. The award recipients were selected based on a ranking of their performance in ten key areas, including management and governance, the use of staff and volunteers, innovation, program cost, and outcome monitoring.

This year, 842 applications were received from 652 different organizations, from 317 different communities in all 10 provinces and 2 territories. With total revenues of \$1.4 billion, these organizations enlisted the help of 20,962 FTE (full-time equivalent) staff and 52,883 FTE volunteers to deliver 107 million hours of programming to over 2.6 million clients last year. For a complete list of the 2005 Donner Award recipients, visit www.fraserinstitute.ca.

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